

REMARKS

The preceding amendment to the specification of the above-captioned divisional application is made, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 120, to insert a specific reference to earlier filed parent application U.S. Non-provisional Application No. 09/856,219, filed on September 24, 2001, which is a national stage application, under 35 U.S.C. § 371, of international application PCT/EP99/08507, filed November 5, 1999, which claims the priority of the filing date of German Patent Application No. 19853476.0, filed November 19, 1998.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 896-6665.

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